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SUBJ: FMS SHIPMENTS

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1. REFTEL A DECLINED EXTENSION OF TIME ON REPORTING ON FMS SHIPMENTS AND RECOMMENDS A COURSE OF ACTION TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

2. THE PROBLEMS OF MISSING DOCUMENTATION, ERRONEOUS DOCUMENTATION AND INADEQUATE PACKING HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY REPORTED. PHOTOGRAPHS OF DAMAGED AND IMPROPERLY PACKED CARGO HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY SENIOR DOD PERSONNEL SUCH AS MG HOEFLING (DA). IN ADDITION TO THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY ON PROBLEM AREAS, A MAJOR INSPECTION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE INSPECTION REPORT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUBSTANTIATION IF SUCH IS NEEDED.

3. EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE VARIOUS FMS CASES INVOLVED, THE GOK IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE MATERIALS/SUPPLIES WHICH USG HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE: A. SUITABLY PACKED; B. WITH APPROPRIATE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TIMELY SHIPPING DOCUMENTS; AND C. ITEM IDENTIFICATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD STANDARDS. THE EXTENT TO WHICH THIS HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPLISHED REPRESENTS A USG FAILURE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS. IT IS APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATION OF TIS MATTER WHICH IS BEING ADDRESSED - NOT GOK DEFICIENCIES.

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER THE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM RECOMMENDED BY REFTEL A COMPLETELY SUITABLE AS ALL MEASURES DESCRIBED HAVE ONE THEME: GOK SHOULD PAY FOR ASSISTANCE TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES DUE (AT LEAST IN PART) FAILURE OF USG TO MEET OBLIGATIONS WITH NO (USG) ACCOMMODATION AT ALL.

5. IN VIEW OF PAST USG DELIQUENCIES AND DEFICIENCIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED PREVIOUSLY (REF B AND C) AND THE RECENT ADDITIONAL DELIQUENCIES, "HARD-LINE" POSITION APPEARS UNWARRANTED. USG DEFICIENCIES PREVIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED REFS B AND C HAVE ALREADY COST GOK CONSIDERABLE FUNDS, OF WHICH THE GOK IS ACUTELY AWARE.

6. WHILE METHODS TO QUANTIFY ADDED EXPENSES TO GOK CONCEIVABLY MIGHT BE DEVISED, EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS IS NOT A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM, RECOGNIZING THAT USG HAS SOME (BUT DEFINITELY NOT ALL) RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE PROBLEM. EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW (WE WOULD WELCOME ANY ALTERNATIVE MAKING SOME ALLOWANCE FOR USG DEFICIENCIES WHICH ANY ADDRESSEE MAY WISH TO PROPOSE). THE BULK OF THE DISCREPANCIES IN DOCUMENTATION OCCURRED PRIOR TO JUN75 AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN PACKAGING DIRECTED IN MAY RESOLVED THE BULK OF PACKING DISCREPANCIES. EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE DEADLINE FOR REPORTING DISCREPANCIES, ETC., FOR SHIPMENTS RECEIVED PRIOR TO 01SEP75 BE 01SEP76 (CORRECTIVE ACTION DATE PLUS 90 DAYS ENROUT TIME); FOR SHIPMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE, 12 MONTHS FROM RECEIPT (STANDARD PRACTICE).

7. EMBASSY INVITES COMMENTS: PROPOSALS FROM ALL ADDRESSEES.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT TAKE THIS MATTER FOR ACTION AND SEEK AN ACCOMMODATION WHICH MAKES SOME ALLOWANCE FOR USG FAILURE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS.
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